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Cromwell Advertisements



THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

For Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

E. L. begs to inform the public of Cromwell that he has purchased the business of Mr Thompson, and trusts by strict attention to business, and the execution of all work placed in his hands in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to merit a continuance of the support accorded his predecessor.

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CROMWELL HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentlemen will find this the most convenient house to put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and attached to the establishment is a magnificent Billiard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts, Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dunedin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

M. R. MANDERS,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Company (capital Two Millions).

W. H. WHEATER,
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which attention is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

DAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

GINGERBEER & CORDIALS.

TO THE INHABITANTS
OF THE
CROMWELL DISTRICT.

THE Undersigned begs leave to intimate to the public that he is prepared to supply them with GINGERBEER and CORDIALS, of a superior description, and at prices to defy competition.

GINGERBEER 3s. PER DOZ.
CORDIALS 20s. PER DOZ.

Encourage Local Industry, and Patronise

JOHN M. KELLY.

GOLDEN AGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

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JUNCTION
COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER,

PROPRIETOR.

IN returning thanks for past favors, begs to announce that neither trouble nor expense have been spared to render the above establishment second to none upon the Goldfields.

Being situated in the very centre of the town, it affords every convenience for Commercial Travellers and others visiting the Cromwell district.

The Bedrooms, Private Parlors, &c., Are fitted up with every regard to comfort and convenience.

The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

Extra attention has been bestowed upon the STABLING DEPARTMENT, and as it has been placed under the management of an experienced groom, the public may rely upon every care being taken of horses.

Smithfield Butchery Company.



OWEN PIERCE (late of St. Bathians) having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY the Butchery Business lately carried on by him in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a position to supply the best description of meat at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business, and keeping meat of the very best quality, to obtain a share of public support.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

WILLIAM BARNES,
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,

(Late of Adlestrop, Surrey),

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is about to start in the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

SHAMROCK STORE,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION
MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district, free of charge.

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KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrona and Allertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

DAVID WEAVER,
Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

D. WEAVER begs to inform the inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding Districts that having bought the Premises lately occupied by Mr DAVID BOOTH, he has now on hand an assorted STOCK OF NEW GOODS,

Consisting of

Wines and Spirits, Groceries, Drapery,

Boots, &c. &c.,

of the best qualities; and trusts, by strict attention to business, and moderate prices, to merit a share of public patronage.

CROMWELL.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.

(Wholesale and Retail),

JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

[A CARD.]

DR. JAMES CORSE,
SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET,
CROMWELL.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Melbourne, Queenstown, Arrowtown, & Cromwell.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of CROMWELL and surrounding districts to our

Large and well-selected Stock,

Which is specially suitable to supply their wants. Each Department will be found complete, and assorted with every requirement.

General Drapery (comprising all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets)

Men's and Boys' Clothing—Carpets—Tents

English and Colonial Boots, Shoes, &c.

Ironmongery—Timber and Building Materials, all kinds

Tinware—Crockery—Lamps and Glassware—Oils and Paints

Furniture—Stationery—Fancy and Tobacconists' Goods—Medicines

Saddlery—Leather and Grindery—Garden Seeds

Produce, consisting of Wakatip Flour, Bran, Pollard, Oats, Chaff, &c.

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[A CARD.]

R. F. BADGER,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.

Cunnard's Line of People's Coaches.



DAILY CONVEYANCE

TO AND FROM

LOGANTOWN, BENDIGO GULLY REEFS,

AND

CROMWELL.

JOHN CUNNARD

Begs to announce that he is now running a TWO-HORSE CONVEYANCE

BETWEEN

LOGANTOWN AND CROMWELL.

Leaving Logantown

EVERY MORNING, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK;
Returning from Goodger's Junction Hotel at 3.30 p.m.

Parties residing at the Reefs will thereby be enabled to spend at least six hours in Cromwell, and return to the Reefs the same evening.

FARES.

Each way 10s.
To and from 15s.

JOHN CUNNARD,

Proprietor.

NOTICE

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra and Clyde districts that we have appointed

L. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk-dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,
Brunswick Flour Mills,
Lake Wakatip.

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

WE have just added to our already large Stock, a splendid assortment of COLONIAL CLOTHING.
Made expressly to our order.

ALSO,

LADIES' DRAPERY.

of all kinds, carefully selected by our Melbourne Firm.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

Drapers, Clothiers, Boot & Shoe Importers,
ETC. ETC.

Cromwell, Dec. 20.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Advertisers in the CROMWELL ARGUS will have their names and addresses inserted in this column free of charge.

CROMWELL.

Badger, R. F., Agent, Melmore street
 Barnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.
 Corse, Dr James, Surgeon, do.
 Cosser & Smith, Bakers and Grocers, do.
 Dawkins, James, Free Trade Butchery, do.
 Dagg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.
 Fitch, Allen, Draper and Clothier, do.
 Goodger, G. W., Junction Commercial Hotel, Melmore-street.
 Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street
 Scott, J., Baker do.
 Marsh, John, Bridge Hotel, do.
 Todd, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.
 Manders, H., Agent, do.
 Whetter, W. H., Bootmaker, do.
 Kelly, John M., Cordial Manufacturer, Melmore-street
 Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.
 Shanly, W., & Co., General Merchants, do.
 Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.
 Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.
 Weaver, David, General Merchant, do.
 Matthews & Fenwick, General Printers, do.
 Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers

CLYDE.

Auckland, W., Painter, Paperhanger, &c.
 Barlow, R., Watchmaker and Jeweller
 Brough, Anthony, Barrister and Solicitor
 Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter
 Riley, Edward, Junction Hotel
 Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist
 Cox, John, Port Philip Hotel
 Hazlett, James, General Merchant

ALEXANDRA.

Boresford, W., Builder and Undertaker
 Calder, P., Bread and Biscuit Baker
 Jack, Alexander, Criterion Hotel
 Martin, W. B., Watch and Clock Maker
 Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel

BENDIGO GULLY & ROAD.

Deare, J., Reefers' Arms Hotel and Store
 Mercer, Francis, Temperance Restaurant
 Hutchinson and Harrison, Storekeepers
 McPherson, H., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel, Rocky Point
 Porriam, John, Welcome Home Hotel and Store, Lowburn.
 Rocky Point Ferry: John McCormick
 Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel and Stores
 Stevenson, J., Al Bakery

KAWARAU GORGE.

Campion, Nicholas, Diggers' Rest Hotel
 Meron, Thomas, White Hart Hotel
 Wrightson, John, Sluicers' Arms Hotel.

BANNOCKBURN.

Halliday, J., Shepherd's Creek Hotel & Store
 Nicholas, J., Gladstone Coal Works
 Richards, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store
 Stuart, James, Ferry Hotel.

NEVIS.

Carnaby, George, British Stores
 Forth, C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store
 Thompson, Edward, Northumberland Arms Hotel and Store.

QUEENSTOWN.

Boyne, Robert, Storekeeper and News Agent
 Bridge, J., General Blacksmith and Farrier
 Eichardt, A., Queen's Arms Hotel
 McLarn, W., Prince of Wales Hotel
 Robertson, J. W., & Co., Timber Merchants
 Robertson & Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills

ARROWTOWN.

Pritchard, R., General Merchant, Arrowtown

WANAKA.

Heddtich & Russell, Wanaka Hotel, Pembroke

DUNEDIN.

Baird, William, Bookseller and Stationer
 Beaver, A., Watchmaker and Jeweller
 Braithwaite, Joseph, News-agent, Fleet-street
 Chaplin, John, & Co., Coach Proprietors
 Dickson, T., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer
 Fraser, Alexander, Advertising and Commission Agent
 Hay Brothers, Tailors and Outfitters
 Hislop, John, Watchmaker and Jeweller
 Key, W., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer
 Kincaid, McQueen and Co., Vulcan Foundry
 London Pianoforte and Music Saloon
 Matthews, George, Nurseryman, Seedsman, and Seed-grower
 Otago Hotel: T. A. Jones
 Reith & Nicolson, Booksellers and Stationers
 Sinclair, W., Tailor and Clothier
 Sparrow and Thomas, Dunedin Ironworks
 Tofield, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller
 Thompson, W., Red Lion Hotel
 Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.
 Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel
 Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General Commission Agent
 York Hotel: Alex. Mac

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fenwick, R., East Taieri Hotel
 Hawea Saw Mills: J. D. Ross, proprietor
 Hanger, S., Vulcan Hotel, St. Bathans
 Mailman, H., Albion Hotel and Store, Luggate
 Mackenzie, Hugh, Junction Hotel, between Tuapeka and Teviot

Clyde Advertisements.

MR ANTHONY BROUGH,

BARRISTER,

SOLICITOR, & CONVEYANCER.

OFFICE, CLYDE.

PAPERHANGINGS.

A LARGE and elegant stock of PAPER-HANGINGS at
AUCKLAND'S
 SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE,
 and at WRIGHT'S, Cromwell.

Five Thousand Pieces of Newest Patterns, at Prices to Suit the Million.
 Flock and Gold Papers in Endless Variety.
 Glass, Oils, Colours, Paints, and Varnishes Reduced Prices.
 Come and See. You're Bound to Buy.

MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE,

M. MARSHALL,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS-VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a small advance upon English prices.

LONDON HOUSE!

CROMWELL AND CLYDE.

ALLEN FITCH

Begs to inform the inhabitants of CROMWELL and surrounding Districts that he has just opened out a large and select stock of

Summer Drapery

Comprising all the newest patterns in

Fancy Dress Materials,

Prints,

Printed Muslins,

Mantles,

Hosiery, Gloves, Stays, &c.

Ladies' Underclothing, and Baby Linen, in great variety.

A magnificent assortment of Ladies' and Children's Hats,

Trimmed and Untrimmed.

THE READY MADE DEPARTMENT

Comprises a choice selection of -

Men's Tweed and Silk-mixed Suits,

Tweed Trousers and Vests,

Crimean Shirts, White Dress Shirts,

Lambs' Wool and Merino Pants,

Flannel Shirts,

Hosiery of all kinds,

Men's Straw and Felt Hats in all the newest styles.

THE BOOT DEPARTMENT

Embraces an extensive selection of

Ladies' and Girls' Single and Double-soled Elastic Kid Boots,

Ladies' Black and Coloured Kid Boots,

Cashmere and Lasting Boots,

Boys' and Children's Elastic-side and Lace-up Boots,

Men's Elastic-side Boots, from 13s. 6d.,

Men's Bluchers, Wellingtons, Half-Wellingtons,

Colonial-made Watertights, & Shooting-Boots,

Nuggets and Gum Boots.

ALLEN FITCH,

DRAPER & OUTFITTER,

LONDON HOUSE,

CROMWELL AND CLYDE.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of Travellers and Boarders, and the Proprietor begs to assure the public that no effort will be spared on his part to maintain the favourable reputation the house has already acquired.

A range of STABLING is in course of erection, which, when completed, will be second to none out of Dunedin; and travellers may rely upon every care being taken of horses halted at the Port Philip Stables.

Clyde Advertisements.

JAMES HAZLETT,

WHOLESALE STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

SUNDERLAND-STREET,

CLYDE.

The largest and best-selected Stock of
 WINES,
 SPIRITS,
 GROCERIES,
 PROVISIONS.

Packers Supplied at Lowest Rates.

* Agent for Marshall & Copeland's BEER, in Bulk and Bottle.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

R. BARLOW,

PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,
 AND
 MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

CLYDE,

Has now on hand a choice and varied assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English, French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very choice selection of English & Colonial JEWELLERY, consisting of

Gold Scarf Pins
 Lockets
 Chains

Brooches
 Ear-rings
 Guards

Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals, Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the newest designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned & repaired.

Alexandra Advertisements

A. JACK'S

CRITERION FAMILY & COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
 ALEXANDRA.

Livery and Bait Stables. - Loose Boxes, Coach-house, &c.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

BACK CREEK BAKERY,

BROADWAY, ALEXANDRA.

P. CALDER.

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER.

Mixed Fancy Biscuits made to order from 10d to 1s per pound.

W. B. MARTIN,

WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER,

MAIN STREET ALEXANDRA.

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned and repaired.

ON SALE,

A large assortment of Chains, Brooches, Meerschaum Pipes, &c.

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

ALEXANDRA.

J. H. MASON PROPRIETOR.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling, and Loose Boxes.

One of Alcock and Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD TABLES.

ALEXANDRA TIMBER YARDS.

WILLIAM BERESFORD,

BUILDER AND UNDERTAKER,

ALEXANDRA.

JUNCTION HOTEL,

TUAPEKA ROAD,

(Seventeen miles from Lawrence).

HUGH MACKENZIE,

(Late of Manuhorikia),

Desires to inform his numerous friends throughout the Northern Gold-fields that he has purchased the JUNCTION HOTEL, lately kept by Mr Thomas Higgs; and that he is enabled to offer, at the above hotel, accommodation equal to that of any house on the road.

Branch Booking Office for Cobb's Coaches to Teviot and Switzers.

Passengers change coaches for Switzers at the Junction Hotel.

Good stabling and paddock accommodation.

Bannockburn Advertisements.

GLADSTONE COAL WORKS,

BANNOCKBURN AND ADAMS'S GULLY.

The undersigned beg to intimate that they continue to supply COAL of the very best quality at 32s. per ton, delivered in Cromwell or at Kawarau Gorge.
 From the Pit in Adams's Gully, Coal of exceedingly good quality is now being supplied to residents at Bannockburn, at moderate prices.

NICHOLAS & CO.,

Proprietors.

STUART'S FERRY,

KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL AND STORE,

Doctor's Flat, Bannockburn.

(On the main road to the Nevis).

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

Groceries and Household Requisites

Of all descriptions kept in stock.

The Goods, being obtained direct from Dunedin, are retailed at CROMWELL PRICES.

SHEPHERD'S CREEK

HOTEL AND STORE,

BANNOCKBURN,

On the main road to the Nevis, 4 1/2 miles from Cromwell.

J. Halliday, Proprietor.

An experienced Baker kept on the premises.

Wines, Spirits, and malt liquors of the best quality.

Ginger Beer and Cordial Manufacturer.

District Post Office.

ANDREW HAMILTON,

ARTIST.

Drawings of Houses, Vessels, Animals, &c. executed in black lead pencil or water colors.

TERMS:

PENCIL DRAWINGS, from £1 1s.
 WATER COLOR do " 25 6s.

N.B.—The higher charges are not made according to size, but according to the amount of labor required to produce the picture.

Bendigo Gully, Lowburn, &c.

WELCOME HOME HOTEL

AND STORE,
 LOWBURN,

About three miles from Cromwell, on the road to the Bendigo Reefs.

JOHN PERRIAM . . . PROPRIETOR.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

OPENING

ROCKY POINT FERRY

The large and well-furnished PUNT in connection with the above Ferry being now COMPLETED, the undersigned has great pleasure in informing the public that he is in a position to cross the heaviest Six-horse Waggon, &c. Vehicles of all descriptions, at VERY MODERATE RATES.

Persons visiting Bendigo Gully on horseback can be crossed at this Ferry at the reasonable charge of 1s. 6d.; Foot Passengers, 6d.

JOHN MCCORMICK.

WAKEFIELD FERRY HOTEL

ROCKY POINT.

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beer kept in stock.

Good accommodation for travellers.

* District Post Office. *

THE WAKEFIELD FERRY

Is the best and safest crossing-place on the Clutha River, and is on the direct road to the Bendigo Reefs.

The Punt and Boats are worked by careful and experienced boatmen, and the heavy waggons can be crossed at any time with perfect safety.

REEFERS' ARMS HOTEL

Logantown.

JAMES BEARE PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most comfortable in the district.

GOOD STABLING.
 GENERAL STORE attached to the Hotel with a large and varied stock of Groceries and other goods.

CROMWELL PRICES.

MERCER'S

TEMPERANCE RESTAURANT

LOGANTOWN,

BENDIGO REEFS.

The only establishment on Bendigo where Travellers can depend on getting MEALS at all hours, in quietness and comfort.

The house is conducted strictly on TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES.

The Restaurant is under the immediate management of MRS MERCER, and visitors may be assured that every attention will be paid to their wants.

In order to keep pace with the increasing requirements of the township, the proprietor about to make extensive improvements on the premises, and will shortly be in a position to offer excellent SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION for Boarders and Travellers.

Charges very moderate.

FRANCIS MERCER,

Proprietor.

AL BAKERY, { LOGANTOWN

BENDIGO GULLY.

J. STEVENSON

Has much pleasure in informing the Residents of the BENDIGO GULLY DISTRICT that he is now prepared to SUPPLY them with

BREAD OF THE BEST QUALITY

At their own residences, Daily.

FOUR-POUND LOAF, ONE SHILLING

A choice assortment of BISCUITS and CONFECTIONERY always kept in stock.

BENDIGO GULLY REEFS.

OLD BENDIGO HOTEL

AND

STORES.

SMITH & O'DONNELL

* Miners and Travellers can have first-class accommodation, and may obtain every information respecting the locality.

Good Stabling; Horse-feed always on hand.

New Stone Premises are now being erected.

The English Mail.

(From the Daily Times telegrams.)

WELLINGTON, January 31.

The Camilla, from Newcastle, brings English news.
The English mail arrived off Glenelg on January 19th.

LONDON, December 3.

The Australian October mails were delivered in London a day late.
Prince Leopold is again ill.
The Princess of Wales was confined on November 20th of a daughter. Mother and child are both well.
The Royal visit to the city was a great success. The Queen expressed her great satisfaction at the warm reception given her by the myriads of spectators.
The King of Belgium has visited England.

The Colonial question has been revived by a letter to the Times from Mr Edward Wilson, on the true bearing of Earl Granville's treatment of New Zealand. The letter is very clearly and forcibly written. The Times replied to it in two leaders, the first of which was temperate and respectful, the second abusive. Mr Wilson contends that a change of policy so momentous and far-reaching must be submitted to the decision of both parliament and people, and that the colonists are entitled to a potential voice in the settlement of their own future status.

The first of the series of weekly conferences of colonial representatives has been held. Resolutions were passed condemning Earl Granville's disintegrating policy. Sir George Grey was one of the speakers. Some of the leading papers notice the meeting favourably. There was a large attendance. Delegates are expected to be present at the colonial conference.

In the letters which have recently passed between Sir George Grey and the Colonial Office on the subject of the recognition of the Maori King, Earl Granville has been convicted of ignorance.

The Brindisi mail route effects a saving of 30 hours.

The Royal Standard was wrecked on the Brazilian coast on the 10th Oct. Eight ladies were drowned in the surf.

The first lot of live cattle from South America realised £17 each.

Earl Zetland is about to resign the Grandmastership of the Freemasons.

O'Donovan Rossa, a Fenian felon, was returned for Tipperary. The election was declared void, and Mr Heron takes the seat instead.

Earl Granville insists on British Columbia, Rupert's Land, and the North-west Territory joining Canada. The French residents oppose his mandate by an armed resistance.

Captain Jones's certificate has been suspended for nine months, for the loss of the Carnatic.

Metropolitan pauperism is increasing, and famine and fever are fatally prevalent.

The Government have agreed to the half-penny postage for newspapers.

Two letters from Dr Livingstone have been read before the Royal Geographical Society.

FRANCE.

The revolutionary violence in Paris has subsided.

The Emperor was received with enthusiasm at the opening of the Chambers, but his speech was disappointing. His promises were limited to legislative improvements; and he shirked all the questions of organic reform.

The Empress has returned to Paris. The Ministry resisted the Emperor's proposal to postpone the opening of Parliament till her return.

Traupman's victim, Kinck senior, has been found at the place indicated by the murderer. He had been shot.

SPAIN.

The Duke of Genoa's father and mother have authorised the Times to state that they and their son disapprove of his nomination to the Crown. Prim denies it, and accuses the Times of being bribed. He also declares that Victor Emmanuel is the Duke's guardian, and that he gave a pledge for the boy's candidature.

Two insurgent deputies have been condemned to death, one to perpetual exile, and one to twelve years' imprisonment.

The Republicans accuse the Government of provoking the recent outbreaks.

The Cuban insurrection is not prospering.

ITALY.

When the King seemed dying, his confessor refused absolution till he abjured his offences against the Church. The King replied that he was willing to confess as a Christian, but as a king he referred his confessor to his ministers, who were in the next room discussing the state of affairs. This has greatly endeared him to the people.

Great rejoicings took place on the occasion of the birth of a son to Prince Humbert. An amnesty to all political offenders was declared.

A popular demonstration against the Ecumenical Council has been arranged to take place in the chief Italian cities on the opening day.

GERMANY.

The iron bridge across the Rhine was brought down by a vessel striking it. 40 men were killed and 20 injured.

RUSSIA.

The Emperor is ill, and is expected to abdicate in favour of his son.

EGYPT.

Great festivities took place at Suez on the celebration of the opening of the Canal. Prayers for the success of the undertaking were offered by Mussulman and Catholic priests. The Empress's almoner blessed the Khedive.

M. Lesseps in his speech regretted that France had offered the abolition of the capitulations. This offended the Empress, and he lost his promised Dukedom of Suez.

The Viceroy's guests numbered 3000 Europeans and 25,000 Orientals.

The recent accidents to vessels have caused the shares of the Company to decline. A French contractor has undertaken to keep the Canal clear for £40,000 a-year, and to make it double its present width for two and a-half millions.

Latest Telegrams.

LONDON, December 10.

President Grant's message is satisfactory in tone.

The Ecumenical Council opened with great pomp on the 8th. The Empress of Austria was present.

The Suez portion of the British-Indian telegraph cable will be sent through the Canal.

The excavation of the Mont Cenis tunnel from the Italian side has reached French territory.

The Government prohibited Fenian processions at Cork and Limerick.

The Irish Land Bill will embody two leading principles, viz, full compensation to the tenant for all improvements, and the inability of the landlord to evict without the intervention of a legal tribunal.

Fenian demonstrations and outrages are multiplying in the south of Ireland. A man named Callaghan has been murdered at Cork by Fenians, who suspected his fidelity. Eight thousand men with flags and tar barrels marched through Cork, shouting for Russia. The house of a clergyman who supported Mr Heron, at Tipperary, was totally destroyed.

Cardinal Cullen has issued a pastoral strongly condemning Fenianism.

Seizures of arms and agrarian murders are on the increase.

INDIA.

Two French steamers have arrived at Galle, having passed through the Suez canal. They had to be lightened, and even then grounded. At present vessels of only 16 feet draught are allowed to enter the canal.

The Galatea arrived at Calcutta on the 22nd December. Her reception was magnificent. The Duke is to receive the Star of India. He was met by the Governor-General and the Governors of Madras and Bombay.

The Governor of the Gaoi at Rangoon has been killed by convicts, eleven of whom have been shot.

A commercial treaty has been signed between Austria and Siam.

Heavy floods have taken place at Madras. Fever is prevalent in the Punjab.

AMERICA.

A collision has taken place on the Pacific Railway, near San Francisco. 15 persons were killed and 40 wounded.

Spanish gun boats have been seized in New York harbour when building. The Courts have been appealed to for their release. A Cuban conspiracy to burn them has been detected.

The President's message recommends a gradual return to specie payments. It also expresses sympathy with the Cuban insurrectionists, but says that they are not yet entitled to recognition. It advocates the reduction of the taxation and the replacement of existing bonds which have become due by others bearing not more than 5½ per cent. interest.

A case of lynching occurred at the beach at Coromandel a few days ago. A man was caught with a quantity of stolen articles upon him, and an impromptu court sentenced him to be beaten and ducked. A heavy stick was obtained, the culprit well belaboured, and then thrown, like the witches of old, into the river, to sink or swim. Luckily, the tide was out, and he waded through the river, amid the derision and hooting of the crowd, and disappeared in the scrub behind the Pacific Hotel. A number of Maoris wished to inflict a further chastisement, but were prevented by the Pakehas.

The volcano of Perce, in the interior of Columbia, South America, has had a violent eruption, and two or three villages are reported destroyed, with all the inhabitants. Soon after the eruption, the river Congo, at the town of Poplan, fifteen miles from the volcano, rose quite high, and quantities of lava floated by, thickly strewn with the dead bodies of the people. The next day the river was quite dry.

A formal correspondence recently passed between the State department of the United States and the Spanish Minister, on the unsettled affair between Spain and South America. It has been finally decided that the United States invite the South American States to send representatives to a conference in Washington, January 15th.

A Perilous Adventure.

(From the South Australian Advertiser.)

Captain Hoell, of the Hvideorn, was some months ago the hero of the following perilous adventure:—When last hero he was in company with another Norwegian, named Valliere, of the ship Dooro, and both the vessels met again shortly after, at the Chincha Islands, whither they had voyaged for a return cargo of guano. It was customary there for the masters to make up parties to hunt the sealions, which were very numerous on some rocky islands within a few miles of the roadstead, and shortly after the arrival of the two gentlemen alluded to, another master, belonging to the Evening Star, and a lad fitted out for a day's sport. They had weapons and provisions, and proceeded to the haunts of those gigantic creatures with the intention of a single day's sport; but on heading into a semicircular bay, the tidal eddies, conflicting with an ocean swell, capsized the boat, and on recovering consciousness the captain found he had been washed into a cave at the base of an overhanging precipice, where another survivor of the catastrophe also found footing. The entrance was filled by heavy rollers, which broke in such a manner as to abolish all hope of getting out without some extraordinary aid, while an examination of the interior rendered the position more hopeless; and to add to their grief and dismay, the bodies of Captain Valliere and the lad, with some fragments of the boat, were washed up on a small shingle beach which occupied the extremity of the cavern. The time wore away wretchedly, for as the tide rose it was a matter of conjecture whether they would not be drowned by the cave filling; but at high water there was a bare space of three feet, into which they had to crouch, embracing each other to sustain animal warmth. As night approached, a new peril was apparent: it was evident they were in the resort of sealions, numbers of which flocked into it, making the echoes resound with their deafening noise, which mingled with the roar of the surf on the shingle beach. The presence of mind never deserted either of the men, and by great exertions they made the fragments of boat into a kind of barricade, which was improved by boulders of rock, while Captain Hoell cut the remaining leg of his pants off, and secured in it a stone, after the manner of a sling shot, and with this defended the barricade, only aided occasionally by a stone thrown by his companion in distress. Wearily the hours fled past—without food, water, or clothing. Had the men not possessed iron frames, they must have sunk under the perils of the night, for with the morning there was no hope from without to buoy them up. The fact of their not returning to the ships the same evening being sufficient to indicate accident, there was a general muster next morning, and three well-manned ships' lifeboats were despatched in search, with a native who knew the locality well. For several hours their efforts were unavailing—not a vestige or fragment could be seen; but finally one boat approached the mouth of the cave, where the roar of the surf entirely drowned any human voice. The inmates of the cave were perceived, however; and an immediate attempt at rescue resulted in the boat's capsizing, but being buoyant, the crew were enabled to recover her and make a second charge, aided by another boat's crew. This one proved successful, and the prisoners were released. The dreadful excitement of that night had had such an effect on Captain Hoell, that the greater part of his hair fell off; and to the present day he suffers an occasional attack of faintness, such as he experienced when first thrown ashore. The native divers were subsidised handsomely for the recovery of the bodies of Captain Valliere and the lad, but even this was not accomplished without great difficulty.

The Flying Squadron.

We take from the Christchurch Press the following racy description of the recent visit of the Squadron to Lyttelton:—

That the Flying Squadron would visit Canterbury had been contradicted as often as it had been asserted. No sooner had the Provincial Council, in a blush of patriotic enthusiasm, voted £500 for the visitors' entertainment, and the C.J.C., anxious to reflect the popular ambition to be hospitable, "even if we had to borrow the money to do it with, deferred their race meeting—than lo! we were told that Canterbury could not possibly be included in the visiting list. We had no sooner philosophically imbibed the disappointment, than our daily speculations on the past, present, and future of our great colony, and of this our province in particular, were again broken by rumours that the Squadron "might come"—"our races would be such a temptation." Cynics laughed. More telegrams passed pro and con. The Governor "hoped"—the Admiral "regretted." At last, fairly worn out, the subject was dropped, and the passage of the Flying Squadron round the Bluff was to Canterbury no more than that of the Flying Dutchman round the Cape. It was a discarded love—a thing that had ceased to move our pulses. Some bitterly read cau-

tic remarks on England's usual diplomatic tact in showing her might to struggling colonies, while niggard-like she refused either to give it, or lend it, or sell it. The Squadron passed, Otago Heads. On Tuesday night it was observed the Squadron was, probably in the offing, on the passage to Wellington. "Let it go—it is a thing of nought," and we continue our remarks on the badness of the weather, the times, and other things, a visit from the Flying Squadron would probably have remedied. Some one says he has heard the Squadron is coming into harbour. The first prophet is stoned. Several other gossips are post-pooled for repeating it. The fact is proclaimed, that the Flying Squadron is at anchor. Officials feel a dreadful responsibility to be joyous. How long do they stay? How can we spend £500 in so short a time? What can we do in a day? Our races are really very good. Mr Cole drives six horses. There must be a ball. Make every banker a steward. Morton improvises cold poultry, bottles with long necks, and bottles with short necks. The tallest tres granules dames fall victims to the smallest of naval cadets. The young conqueror is evidently inured to victory. We are pleased to make such offerings. The Club, from being a haunt of human pelicans, is bursting with naval hilarity. Everybody goes to bed everywhere. Strangers are seen in the custody of old identities. They are shown flax-bushes, cabbage-trees, our buildings, Cathedral-square, and other curiosities. Marines and men-of-war's-men appear in the streets. Canterbury at large becomes demonstrative, and begins, as it were, to hug her darling Flying Squadron with its lovely uniform. Everybody rushes to the Port. Enormous trains (for Canterbury) dash through the tunnel. Arrived, we find every steamer that can screw or paddle, whistling—Why whistling? Everybody goes on the water. There is a fresh breeze from the south west, but we go. The Admiral sends boats for our party. The nice little midly might be one of our own children—and we are not so very old. There is a motion of rising and falling. We stare up at the naked throat of a stalwart coxswain. There is a mutual understanding between that little officer and his more experienced sub-professional that obtains our strongest approbation. Our stomach is not strong: no more was Nelson's. We are glad that the voyage is over. That ladder, with two handy, civil, obliging sailors to help you, is a safe way of doing a dangerous thing. What a wonderful structure is a man-of-war. We take off our hats to H.M. quarter-deck. All covered in with flags, how nice is everything. How quickly do the ladies become disposed of. There are a great many; but wherever you see a young lady you see an officer. We catch a peep through the skylight of diaper, glass, silver, flowers, cold meats, and amber fluids. Our enthusiasm for the Flying Squadron sensibly increases. Canterbury certainly continues to possess many pretty women—they are also well-dressed, some are always nicely dressed, most of them never better than to-day. We are glad on public grounds. There is the Church—the Bench—our Provincial Executive,—and, behold! arriving in a boat by itself, the Christchurch Municipal Council. Well done, Admiral Hornby! Between-decks we criticise the apparatus for removing the Queen's enemies. We see one of our volunteer officers properly examining a Snider—another is deep in the mysteries of one of those elaborate engines, the carriages to the gigantic soda-water-bottle shaped guns. We go forward. The inner life of the ship is going on all the same for the festivities. Carpenters are at work making gratings—sailmakers are sewing. In a week we come on a scupster, patching a blue shirt, and making as neat work as a woman. What a constant traffic up and down that ladder, whose steps are two iron rods—not over comfortable for naked feet! Shoes and stockings are not much worn. What a hum of population down that opening! We look towards a port-hole: we see brown cliffs, yellow and green grass, a shore, and foam. Anon the picture passes, peep-show like, up the frame, and the next picture is a sea of curling waves. We think of the table spread for lunch. We retrace our steps. The Admiral's cabin is crammed with a crowd, eating, drinking, and talking. The ladies will soon be done, we are informed by a servant who evidently serves gentlemen. We ascend to the fresh air. The band plays. The indefatigable officers are dancing again. Tongues, loosened by good cheer, wag merrily as their owners come on deck. The deck—the size of the Town Hall floor—is covered with dancers. We are invited below—we solace our stomachic system. On our return we look more benignly on the whirling complex. Somebody makes a move to go ashore, and we make our best bows, and find ourselves in a boat—one of a procession of five boats, towed by a steam launch. In this way the powers are landed when our good-humoured visitors are engaged in professional operations. Will H.M.'s steam launches ever tow strings of boats for other purposes into our bay? Bah! Seated in the train, how snug and comfortable is the cushioned carriage! See, it begins to rain—the wind is rising. We think of those we left dancing and their little voyage afterwards; and as the train moves off, we congratulate ourselves we have done with the Flying Squadron.

Governor and Lady Bowen's Visit to the "Long Drive."

(From the New Zealand Herald.)

About half-past four o'clock, his Excellency, with Lady Bowen and their children, arrived at the entrance to the lower-level of the Long Drive. His Excellency was accompanied by T. B. Gillies, Esq., the Superintendent; Capt. Pitt, A.D.C., and Capt. Young, A.D.C. Mr Chas. O'Neill, Engineer-in-chief, was present, together with several of the leading public men.

About sixty of the Long Drive workmen were mustered, and they formed in two lines, flanking the shore: trainway from the mouth of the level to the beach, each man with his pick shouldered. As the viceregal party passed between the two lines of stout and hearty miners, there were cheers which, as a matter of fact, could scarcely be exceeded, for their volume of sound, if given by an equal number of men picked from any class, anywhere in the British Empire.

Mr H. Muir, the mining manager of the Long Drive, standing close to the entrance of the level, read a brief address, to which his Excellency replied.

The truck or car which had been prepared for conveying the party into the level, was made after the sleigh model. His Excellency took his place at the inner end, with Lady Bowen at the opposite end, their two children being accommodated on a central bench. The seats were comfortably cushioned, and the car was altogether tastefully decorated. Mr Muir and one of the foremen "clapped on" to ropes in front, two foremen became propellers from behind, and so Sir George Bowen and his family entered the celebrated Long Drive. When a point about 370 feet from the mouth had been reached, the party stepped from the car. There was decent standing-room at the point. Mr Muir led the way along a cross-level, where men were at work, and a gold-bearing vein, six or seven inches thick, and of what is regarded as average thickness, according to the high standard of the Long Drive, was being worked at, a large quantity of other stone being necessarily got out at the same time. The vein was examined, and then Mr Allom, J.P., said Mr Muir wished that, as Lady Bowen was a shareholder, she should also, for a moment, become a miner in the Long Drive. Her ladyship consented, and the party went into another cross-level. A light pick was handed to her ladyship, and—perhaps it was not by accident Mr Muir had selected the spot—Lady Bowen soon picked out a very nice "specimen," which Mr Muir presented to her. That "specimen" will doubtless be specially prized. Very few ladies can boast that, at the seal-level of a large hill, and nearly 400 feet from the entrance of such a "drive," they have, with their own hands, "got" a rich sample of gold-bearing quartz. The return to daylight was speedily effected, quite twenty-five minutes having been spent in the level. Lady Bowen looked delighted with her excursion, which she commenced with the well-grounded assertion, "I am not in the least alarmed; I know you will take care of me." As her ladyship rose from her seat in the car, there were given by the miners, with unmistakable enthusiasm, "Three cheers for Lady Bowen." They were followed by "Three cheers for the Governor," and "Three for the Superintendent." His Excellency repeated his thanks, and said that he was delighted to have seen the mine.

CROMWELL POST-OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

The following are the regulations regarding the management of the above-named institution, and which are also applicable to all the other Post-office Savings Banks in the Colony:—

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

REV. R. COFFEY, of Queenstown, will (D.V.) celebrate Divine Service in the Schoolroom, **CROMWELL,** on **SUNDAY MORNING,** 20th February, at 11 o'clock. A **BAPTISMAL SERVICE** will be held at the same time, when persons can have their children christened.

NOTICE.

To residents on **KAWARAU STATION.**

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COSSAR & SMITH.

Cromwell, 1st February 1870.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between **WILLIAM D. HAMILTON** and **GEORGE BARCLAY,** under the style of "**HAMILTON & BARCLAY,**" at **LOCANTOWN, Bendigo Gully,** was **DISSOLVED** by mutual consent on the 24th day of January 1870.

The business will in future be carried on by **W. D. HAMILTON,** who will receive and pay all accounts due to and by the late Firm.

Dated the 24th day of January 1870.

W. D. HAMILTON.

GEORGE BARCLAY.

THE

Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1870.

WHATEVER complaints we have had to make against any shortcomings of our Municipal Government have been, in the way of open and honest criticism. We have been, as censors, equal to the duty imposed upon us by our position. In fact, we suppressed an article that we considered after all might be thought to press too heavily upon the members of the Corporation individually. We did so, knowing that the duties of Mayor and Councillors were performed gratuitously, and that the Council deserved rather to be encouraged than severely censured. To the want of a proper régime at the first establishment of the system, we have to attribute many shortcomings of our local municipal body. The sins of the first body have been visited upon the last. We might, if we thought it would serve any good purpose, refer to the disgraceful proceedings that characterized the opening year of local self-government in our midst. We do not do so, because we believe in giving a fair and honest support to the principle of municipal government, and acting also upon the axiom that it is an ill bird that fouls its own nest. We even go further, and say that it is the citizens' fault if they are not properly represented by their corporate body. They cannot wash their hands and say, "Oh! it is the Council's doing." They are responsible for almost all past and present derelictions of duty. They cannot escape from their responsibilities without acknowledging one of two things. The first is this—We are the rising or central part of the Upper Clutha gold-fields: we require a Warden, a clerk, a court-house, a distributor of stamps, and various other officers. This town is likely to be a leading one: our natural position is excellent, our resources inexhaustible, our property of great value, and our public spirit genuine and outspoken. If this is true, it will show itself not in division, but in unity; not in the pulling down of municipal institutions, but in the building-up of local self-government—for instance, as they do at the Wakatipu, where they are consequently gaining everything they ask for. The second position is this—We are a sham; we are sailing under false pretences; we ask for Government money, but we do not care to give a *quid pro quo* for it; we can talk about our resources and natural advantages, but we cannot even

govern ourselves. What an unenviable situation is a community we will be placed in if we adopt this second position! We cannot escape from one or the other by saying we ignore municipal government, and that we do not require it. That is at once a confession of weakness so deplorable that we think every conscientious man will refrain from admitting it. If we are to follow the path of progress, it will not be by throwing ourselves upon the tender mercies of the Provincial Council. So in our case, and for all shortcomings, we cannot help arriving at the conclusion, after anxious consideration, that they are in great part due to the apathy displayed by the citizens themselves. They have cast their votes in the '71, and then stood aloof; or, if they have done anything, unkindly criticised their representatives. They have lent no helping hand, at least.

Holding these views, we cannot but regret that a fresh firebrand has been introduced amongst the already explosive materials. Our contemporary the *Guardian* has taken up a brief in the local municipal quarrel at present raging. It is endorsed "No case: abuse the other side." It is a purely one-sided argument he attempts to give force to, but it is satisfactory to know that his rhodomontade is estimated at its proper worth by all to whom the writer's present *disinterested* motives and past journalistic career are known. We shall not condescend, because we are tenants of corporate property, to belaud the actions of the Municipal Council. The right of occupation of land for which we pay a rent shall not bias us, although a less desirable occupancy at will seems to have biased our contemporary. We will add, personal considerations shall have no weight with us, whatever they may have with the *Guardian*. We shall not refer further to this point, nor combat the many misrepresentations made in the article we refer to ("Regina v. Whetter," published in *Guardian* of 27th ult.). A passing reference to a piece of deception on the part of the writer is not, however, out of place. He quotes largely from the *Tuapeka Times*, and with the coolest effrontery says, "Our Tuapeka contemporary in his last issue proclaims 'The grand Whetter-Cromwell Municipality game has opened in the Supreme Court,' and adds 'It would be a godsend to the town and district if Whetter's reign could be brought to an end,' &c., &c. For the information of the general public we may state that the *Tuapeka Times* 'proclaimed' nothing of the sort—the words quoted having been written by the unscrupulous author of the article in the *Guardian*, in his capacity of correspondent to the former journal, and afterwards made use of in the manner we have mentioned. It being pretty generally known that the case is as we have stated it, this little piece of double-dealing on the part of the journalistic mischief-maker who has cast his lot in our midst deceives no one, and (if possible) only further adds to the very unenviable reputation already gained by him in other parts of the Province. We regret for the interests of the town the stirring up of strife, the gratuitous advice to people to have no transactions with the evil element. All this is hurtful to the town, and further than this, to the district at large. Save us, indeed—we, as ratepayers and residents, exclaim—from such Guardianship as this. Our contemporary endeavours to draw us also into a newspaper quarrel, in which perhaps he would shine by the display of his capability of using the strongest and coarsest language. Our object is not to enter into such contests, but to advance the interests of the district of which we were requested to become the mouthpiece. We shall endeavour to be impartial, but we hold that nothing is to be gained by virulent abuse or the continual throwing of mud.

In our last issue we intimated in a local paragraph that Mr J. B. BORTOX, Gold Receiver at Roxburgh (Teviot), had received the appointment of Warden for the Mount Benger district. We intended then to make some reference to what appears to us to be a piece of unjust conduct on the part of the Government in ignoring the claims of Mr H. A. STRATFORD, at present Gold Receiver at St. Bathans, to the first vacant Wardenship; and we are very glad to see that the matter has been mentioned in the columns of our Wakatipu and Mount Ida contemporaries. In August, 1868, after having been a Warden and Resident Magistrate on the Otago Gold-fields for nearly four years, Mr STRATFORD, along with one or two other gentlemen holding similar offices, was informed by the Government that, in consequence of a reduction in the number of Wardens being absolutely necessary, his services were no longer required. The retiring Wardens had the option of either receiving a sum of money as compensation for the loss of their offices, or accepting situations as Gold Receivers at a considerable reduction of salary. Mr STRATFORD preferred to accept the situation offered, and wait for a vacancy in the higher office, while the others accepted the pecuniary compensation given—one of them £550 (if we remember rightly), and the other £300. As a proof that Mr STRATFORD's services were highly appreciated by the Government, one of

our contemporaries states that he received a most complimentary letter from the Executive Council stating that his previous conduct had given every satisfaction. We not for one moment wish to say anything detrimental to Mr BORTOX while making these remarks, as he is no doubt quite capable of filling the office to which he has been appointed with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Government; still we do say that the treatment Mr STRATFORD has received at the hands of those who are at the head of Provincial affairs is most unjust and inconsiderate. The excuse made by the Government—that no doubt it was a legitimate one—when the reduction in the number of Wardens took place, cannot now be advanced, as we trust that this matter will be reconsidered, and Mr STRATFORD's claims to the office taken into account.

The long list of fatal casualties which have occurred in the district within the last few months has again received a fresh addition to number, information having been received by the Cromwell police on Thursday last that a man had been drowned in the Hawea Lake on the preceding Tuesday. We learn from a letter forwarded to Sergeant Cassels by a man named Henry Palmer, that the latter was proceeding up the Hawea Lake on Tuesday, the 1st inst. in the cutter Water Lily, having a dingy in tow in which was another man named Henry Thompson. While proceeding on their journey, Thompson by some means fell out of the dingy and not being able to swim, he almost immediately sank. Palmer made every effort he could to save the unfortunate man, without avail. He then made his way to Mr Shrimpton's, and company with that gentleman proceeded to the spot where the accident occurred, but they could find no traces of the body.

The Escort took down from Cromwell on Saturday last, 450 ounces of gold, and from Queenstown (monthly return) 1834 ounces.

The postal and telegraph department at Alexandra are now both under the charge of Mr Walter Vause, who has long been promised the situation of postmaster at that place.

The late heavy rains have done much damage in the Lake district. The crops were ready for cutting, and the rain had such an effect on the ears of wheat that the grain was shelled. One large farmer will thus lose over 1000 bushels of wheat. Labour is very scarce.

We are informed that the punt recently placed on the Clutha, at Rocky Point, by Mr John McCormick, has been purchased by Mr W. J. Barry.

In the Wakatipu district, the Chinese we hear, have been holding high holiday during the whole of last week, and work has been suspended by them during a period of ten days to end-to-morrow. It is creditable that the European population have not attempted to interfere with any of the Chinese claims in that district, though some are reported to be very rich. The claims have not been protected, but the Chinese New Year holidays have nevertheless been respected. The Chinese have also received many visits from the John Bulls, and a good deal of pleasant intercourse and exchange of feelings said to have taken place.

We have received a poetical effusion from a resident at Bendigo Gully, but it is too personal a nature for insertion in our columns.

The proprietor of the London House drapery establishment (Cromwell and Clyde) intimates by advertisement in another column that a great clearing-out sale of drapery, boots and shoes, clothing &c., will take place during the ensuing month. Further particulars will appear in an extended advertisement in our next issue.

Aspinall's claim, on one of the Shotover terraces, is reported to have yielded £100 per diem last week.

Harvesting operations are in full swing in the Lake district; the average yield will be about 40 bushels to the acre. Labour is scarce and will continue so, while the current rate of wages is only 40s. per week.

We understand that owing to a dissolution of partnership arrangements, the punt on the Kawarau, owned by Messrs Owens, Edwards, and Bridge, are shortly to be sold by public auction.

Mr N. Salomon, the well-known watchmaker and jeweller, of Dunedin, is at present paying a visit to the Gold-fields districts, and we yesterday had the pleasure of inspecting the valuable and magnificent assortment of goods he has brought with him. Mr Salomon informs us that the small portion of his Dunedin stock which he has with him represents a money value of about £6000. The jewellery is open for inspection at Mr Smitham's Kawarau Hotel, and certainly worth being seen by all who were really first-class articles. The display of gold watches, chains, lockets, brooches, bracelets, rings, &c., is such as is seldom seen in out-country townships—one magnificent diamond bracelet being valued at 150 guineas, and many other articles, such as bracelets, brooches, &c. ranging at prices from 100 guineas downwards. Magnificent gold watches, alarms, rings, pins &c., &c., set in diamonds and other precious stones, and of the most exquisite workmanship are to be seen in profusion. Mr Salomon certainly deserves every encouragement for his enterprise in travelling with such a valuable and magnificent stock of goods, and we trust his visit will be a remunerative one. He visits Arrowtown on Friday next, when his stock will be on view at Scoles's Royal Oak Hotel.

Mr Surveyor Wilson arrived in Queenstown on Monday evening, and reports that Mr M'Kerrow has returned from his exploration of the Dart River, made with a view to find a pass to the West Coast. He has discovered an opening by which a road may be cut and made through a bush country to Lake Kakapo. The distance by this route would be about thirty miles. The country is said to be very rough and heavily timbered. The first line surveyed by Dr Hector (and afterwards by Mr Howden and then by Mr Wright) is in public estimation considered the best that can be obtained, especially as it opens up land adapted for agricultural settlement as well as the material for an extensive timber trade. Mr M'Kerrow's report will be valuable, as he is one of our oldest pioneer surveyors, and thoroughly understands his work.

A magnificent meteor was observed at Moa Flat one evening last week. It was of pale green colour, dazzlingly brilliant, and shot through the sky with great rapidity.

The lease claims in the Moke Creek district, Lake Wakatipu, are, we believe, turning out splendid results, and though long tunnels have to be driven in the claims lately taken up, those in far enough have obtained very handsome prospects.

The miners' strike at Mount Ida still continues, and the local journal states that there does not appear to be any sign of a settlement being made. The miners, according to all accounts, have just reason to complain of the enormous price paid for water—£2 10s per sluice-head. Some hundreds of persons are thrown out of employment, and it is estimated that it makes a difference of something like £200 a day to the district. Mr Warden Howden has earned golden opinions from the miners, by promising to grant them two months' protection for their claims until some settlement of the dispute can be come to.

Another splendid specimen of Moonlight gold has been purchased by the Union Bank at Greymouth. This nugget weighs 79ozs 13dwt 17grs, and was found by Mitchell and party, not far from where one of a similar weight was found about fifteen months ago.

Influenza and diphtheria have been making havoc in the Lake district, so far as regards confining many to their rooms for several days together.

Messrs I. Hallenstein and Co. announce a great clearing-out sale of drapery, clothing, boots and shoes, &c, at great reductions in prices. Particulars will be found in the advertisement in this issue.

We have been requested to draw the attention of the police to a grievance which the owners of horses running on the Cromwell common have to put up with. We refer to the practice—which has of late become very prevalent—of horses being ridden away from their depasturing ground, and otherwise harassed and molested. One case we have been made acquainted with, is, however, especially deserving of notice, the animal in question having been taken down to the ranges at the back of Clyde, where he was found minus a considerable portion of his tail. Whether the mutilation had been done with a view to the future appropriation of the animal, or as a parting token of regard, we are not in a position to state.

By advertisement in another column, it will be perceived that a general muster of horses running on the Kawarau Station will take place on Saturday next, 12th February. Horses remaining unclaimed after the muster will be forwarded to the Dunstan commonage.

The Tuapeka races take place on Thursday and Friday, 10th and 11th inst. A considerable number of horses are in training for the various events, among the number being local "crack," Excelsior, the result of whose performances on the Tuapeka turf will be looked for with interest by the sporting members of our community.

The Oamaru races are announced to be held on the 17th of next month. It is expected that from £200 to £300 will be run for.

The Waikouaiti district has been visited by a violent gale of wind, which did serious damage. The local journal states that the crops have suffered very severely, and where the corn was nearly ripe a large quantity of the grain has been lost, the ground being literally strewn with it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

THE DOG TAX.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL JOURNAL.
Sir,—My object in bringing this subject before the notice of your readers is not to endeavor to get the Dog Nuisance Ordinance repealed, but simply to raise my voice against the injustice and oppression to which, in common with every other shepherd in the Province, I am subjected through having to pay an annual tax for being allowed to keep a sheep-dog. Now, Sir, I maintain that a shepherd might with equal justice be compelled to pay a tax for the use of his right arm, for a shepherd without a good dog is of no use to his employer. It is all very well, I doubt, to place some restriction upon people keeping useless dogs; but it is admitted on all hands that sheep-dogs are indispensable to the flock-owner. Why, then, is it that such useful animals as sheep-dogs are placed on the same level as the most useless curs? I hope the some right-thinking member of the Provincial Council will endeavor, at its next session, to pass a special clause inserted in the Dog Nuisance Ordinance, exempting all sheep-dogs from being taxed.—I am, &c,
JAMES W. CAMPBELL.
Morven Hills Station, February 6, 1870.

THE AURORA COMPANY'S

CHRISTENING OF THE WHEEL.

Friday, the 4th of February, 1870, is a day long to be remembered in the annals of quartz-mining in Otago. After many months of unrelenting toil, and in the face of numberless difficulties and temporary obstructions, the Aurora Mining Company have completed the erection of their crushing machinery—so far at least, as to enable them thoroughly to test the value of the stone, the splendid indications of which have induced them to expend time, labor, and capital on the enterprise.

The completion of the water-wheel and the erection of the first five heads of stampers, were accomplished during the early part of last week; and the Company issued an invitation to the public to do honour to the occasion by attending to witness the christening of the wheel. The starting of the machinery. The public were not backward in responding to the call, and on Friday morning the usually quiet thoroughfare of Cromwell presented signs of animation that were quite refreshing to behold. Numerous vehicles, freighted with pleasure-seekers, started for the reefs early in the forenoon; the most conspicuous being a four-wheeled carriage gaily decorated with flags, and driven by Mr. Smitham. There were besides a large number of horsemen, and a very fair proportion of ladies in private vehicles, from all parts of the district. The weather was beautifully fine, the heat of the sun's rays being partially subdued by a light northerly breeze; and the four-wheeled carriage, as the little township of Wakofield, was an extremely pleasant one. The clear blue waters of the majestic Molyneux, which could be seen meandering for many miles through the extensive valley that lies between Mount Pisa and the Dunstan Ranges, formed a pleasing contrast to the rugged and monotonous continuity of crags and peaks on the one hand, and the parched and stony table-land on the other. The majority of the excursionists arrived at Wakofield between twelve and one o'clock, and made a short but farinuous. A number availed themselves of the limited time thus afforded them to pay a visit to the pioneer battery—the Cromwell Quartz Mining Company's machine—at the foot of the hill. Mr Goodger, one of the shareholders, courteously invited all and sundry to inspect the machinery, which was in full operation at the time, and we need hardly say that the process of quartz-crushing, and the evolutions of the enormous water-wheel by which the stampers are worked, were watched with great interest by the visitors. A start was then made for Logan's town, distant about two miles. The road formed by the Cromwell Company had been recently repaired in many places, and it was evident that it had sustained considerable damage from the heavy rain on Friday week. The long and toilsome ascent to the township at the reefs was happily accomplished on foot, the empty vehicles being almost as much as the horses could manage to drag up the hill. Arriving at Logan's town, the animals and "trays" were safely disposed of, and the excursionists proceeded to find their way, in the best manner they could, to the romantic spot known as the Aurora Company's ground.

The Aurora claim, which was the scene of the first quartz-discovery at Bendigo, is a fine, high, rugged spur, about half-a-mile above Logan's town, and the machinery is erected in the best position that could have been chosen, being adjacent to the present workings, and possessing the advantage of an excellent fall for the water, which is conveyed by means of a wooden flume to the wheel. About two hundred tons of stone, mostly from the original shaft and from a deep trench cut on either side of it, have been raised to the surface in readiness for crushing. The distance from where the stone is stacked to the battery is not more than a hundred yards, so that the cost of transit will be very light. It is intended, however, as soon as the drive now being put in to "cut" the several shafts is completed, to convey the stone directly to the battery (which is close to the battery) by means of trucks running on a wooden railway. For the purpose of the machinery erected by the Company was formerly the property of the Criterion Company, and was in use for about six months. The remaining portion was manufactured by Messrs Kincaid, McQueen, and Co., of Dunedin. Only five heads of stampers have been put up, each weighing five cwt.; but the water-wheel supplies sufficient force (about 15 horse-power) to work double the number. The other five stampers are on the ground, and will be erected in the course of four or five weeks. The wheel itself is 26ft in diameter, and 4ft 3in wide. The whole of the machinery was put up under the direction of Mr R. Reid, the engineer who superintended the erection of the Cromwell Company's battery, and he has undoubtedly performed his by no means easy task in a very creditable manner.

By half-past two o'clock, nearly three hundred persons had gathered near the battery, and after all the preparations had been made, Mr E. G. Barnes, the manager, came forward and introduced to the assembly Mr W. J. Barry. Mr Barry said he was glad to observe that some of the pioneers of quartz-mining at Bendigo were present on this important occasion. They had met together to celebrate the completion of the second great quartz-mining enterprise on Bendigo, and he trusted that those who had had the pluck and energy to carry that enterprise thus far, would ultimately reap substantial benefits for their reward. But it was not a matter affecting the shareholders merely, for he considered that the whole district would largely participate in the results of the enterprise. He heartily wished the Company "God-speed," and would conclude by stating that they intended to erect a battery for the use of the public, thus placing within the reach of other claimholders the means of testing ground held by them. Mr Barry then announced that the ceremony of christening the wheel would be performed by Mr. Periam.

A bottle of champagne was suspended in a

position convenient to the audience, and the wheel, and the ladies, giving the lead, commenced drinking upon the iron platform which the wheel revolves, at the same time giving the wheel the name of "Aurora." At the same moment there was a salute of two guns fired, and the machinery was set in motion amid the hearty and prolonged cheers of the crowd.

Mr Goodger then called for "three cheers for the Aurora Company," which were lustily given, and Mr Barry returned thanks.

Three cheers were then given successively for Mr Periam, for Mr Barnes, the manager, and for the engineer, Mr Reid.

The company now adjourned to the refreshment tables to drink success to the enterprise, and Mr Goodger proposed the toast, "Prosperity to the Aurora Company." In doing so, he said it was his firm belief that if fifty or sixty heads of stampers were erected on Bendigo, the district would be the most prosperous in the Colony. They had the elements of success at hand, and needed only a little more of the persevering energy that had been displayed by the Aurora Company to develop the unlimited resources of the Bendigo Reefs. He spoke in feeling terms of the privations and difficulties which had been experienced by the pioneers of quartz-mining on Bendigo—Messrs Thomas Logan and the late lamented Mr. Carrick. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr Smitham also adverted to the fact that Mr Logan was the pioneer of quartz-mining in the district, and called for a bumper in honor of that gentleman. This was heartily responded to. An unlimited supply of sandwiches, bread and cheese, confectionery, and fruit, had been provided at the expense of the Company; and there was no lack of almost every variety of liquor, from champagne to "ginger-pop." When every one had feasted and imbibed to his heart's content, a number of young people engaged in quadrille-dancing on the summit of the hill above the battery, while others paid a visit to the various workings in the vicinity.

The day's proceedings were appropriately wound up with a ball at the Provincial Hotel, and we hear it was a highly successful affair.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1870.

James Howell v. John Halliday.—Claim, L.7, for damage alleged to have been caused to plaintiff's garden by defendant's pigs. After a great deal of contradictory evidence had been heard, the Court gave judgment for plaintiff in the sum of 20s., together with costs.

W. Weaver v. W. W. Brighton.—Claim, L.25 3s. 3d, for goods sold and delivered. Defendant did not appear, and plaintiff was represented by Mr T. Batten, his assistant, who proved the debt, and judgment was given for the amount, together with costs. Mr Batten afterwards made an affidavit that defendant had left his usual place of abode; whereupon the Bench granted an application for a distress-warrant.

N. Novello v. E. Stobbing.—The parties are neighbors at Quartz-reef Point, and plaintiff sued defendant for L.7 10s, for damage done to a boat, the property of the former. Plaintiff deposed that he had recently bought a new boat, and placed her in what he considered a safe position on the river. The water from a race had, he asserted, been turned on to a race by defendant, whereby the earth was washed on to the boat, and she was "smothered." Defendant distinctly denied ever having seen the boat, and swore that he had not diverted the course of the water, he was using since the 5th of January, 1869, to which date plaintiff alleged the damage was caused. Case dismissed, with 13s costs.

Box v. Mulholland.—Claim L.5. Settled out of Court.

L. Grant v. Houston and Howson.—Claim, L.18 2s 2d, for timber and other materials supplied. The debt was admitted, and judgment was given for L.17 4s 2d, together with 10s costs out of Court, and L.1 is professional costs. Mr Brough, on behalf of the plaintiff, asked that business might issue at once.—Granted.

M. Hinchinson and Harrison v. Camard.—Claim, L.22 10s, amount of dishonoured acceptance. The plaintiffs some time ago sold defendant a horse, which died four days afterwards. Its death was attributed by plaintiffs to overwork, and by defendant to a disease contracted whilst the animal was the plaintiffs' property. The acceptance was due more than a month, and plaintiffs pressed for payment. Defendant said he had been unfortunate, and could not pay at present. The Court gave judgment for the amount claimed, with 25s costs; to be paid within four weeks, or distress to issue.

James Dawkins v. W. Meakin and W. Wigmore.—Claim L.39 9s 9d, for meat supplied. Judgment, by consent, for L.15 15s, and 25s costs.

G. Barclay v. J. Stenenson.—Claim L.6 10s. Settled out of Court.

Kild v. Simon M'Kay.—Claim L.10, for damages sustained in consequence of defendant having taken away and used a mare belonging to plaintiff, on two separate occasions, without his permission. Judgment was given for L.2 and costs.

Regin v. Charles Bealy.—This was an adjourned case, in which defendant was charged with a breach of section 23 of the Town and Country Police Ordinance. [The nature of the charge is already sufficiently known to our readers.] Defendant was fined 40s, and costs. Permission was granted to John Wilson, of the Provincial Hotel, Bendigo, to keep open the hotel on the night of the 14th and morning of the 15th inst.

Charles Colclough applied for a wholesale license for premises at Bendigo.—Granted.

WARDEN'S COURT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1870.

(Before V. PYKE, Esq., Warden.)

The hearing of Hoblen and party's application for a certificate for their prospecting-claim on the Alto Reef, Bendigo, was postponed till next sitting of the Court.

An application by Colclough and party for a prospecting claim on Colclough's Reef was opposed by Mr Brough, and also by Mr Badger, on behalf of two parties of objectors whose names were not specified. His Worship said that the applicants certainly had a right to know at least the names of the parties objecting; and, upon the application of Mr Brough and Mr Badger, who agreed to pay the costs of the day, the hearing was adjourned till next Court-day.

By v. Pape.—This was a complaint against defendant for failing to carry out the terms of a

contract given by the Warden in November last, whereby the parties were each to lay 100 tons of stone in a quarry of their own choice, and the stone occupied the attention of the Court for several hours, the weight of the evidence being in favor of the complainant. Mr Colclough was counsel for complainant, and Mr Badger agent for defendant. The Warden reserved judgment (which he said would be given in writing) until next sitting of the Court.

There were some other cases heard, but they were of little public importance.

QUEENSTOWN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 7, 1870.

The extremely dry weather we have lately experienced in this district was agreeably varied by an abundant downpour of rain during the 6th and 28th ultimo. This has tended to raise the hearts and hopes of the mining portion of our residents, and the more substantial results will no doubt be demonstrated by the next season. Upon the farmers, however, the rain had a very depressing effect, as, owing to the crops having been left so long uncut, the grain was too ripe, and of course every hour's delay in getting it in, subjected the producer to further loss. I am glad to say that the weather since the date mentioned has been favourable for harvesting operations; and doubtless, by the lapse of another week, the anxiety of our farming friends in regard to the effects of climatic influences will be at rest.

A somewhat remarkable instance of navigation under difficulties occurred in this quarter last week. Now, if I were at all of a romantic or sensational turn of mind, I would have commenced this paragraph with some such startling heading as "VICTORIA GONE OVER THE FALLS!" or "REMARKABLE ADVENTURE AND MIRACULOUS ESCAPE!"—but being a prosy and matter-of-fact party, I will simply give you the "plain, unvarnished tale." It appears that the steamer Victoria proceeded on Saturday week to Messrs Johnston & Hallenstein's mill with a cargo. Now, you must understand that the mill is situated just at the outlet of the Lake to the Kawarau river, and there is a fall of some eight or nine feet from the Lake to the river; consequently the current at that point is very strong. On Sunday morning Mr H. Howarth, the owner of the steamer, thought of bringing her a little nearer the mill, so as to be handy for discharging early on Monday; and while attempting to do so, the force of the current proved too much for her, and despite every effort, she was carried down the Lilliputian Niagara. I am very glad, however, to state that the steamer sustained no injury in her dangerous course, and the more so because her owner has been very unfortunate with his vessels, having but recently lost the sister boat to the Victoria (the Expert) by an unlucky casualty. As it will cost a considerable sum to get the Victoria back to the waters of the Lake, it is not improbable she may do some service on the Kawarau, "should sufficient inducement offer" (1)

The claim, machinery, and general plant of that company whose prospects were so much thought of some three years ago (I allude to Southberg's), were disposed of in Dunedin, by public auction, a few days ago, "by order of the mortgagees," and were, I believe, purchased by Mr M. J. Mahagan, of this town, for the sum of £100. It is probable the machinery will be brought on to the Nugget Reef, in which Mr Mahagan has some interest.

The local journal here states authoritatively that the Shalover Bridge will be available for traffic on the 1st of March. I trust this will be the case, as the river is every day becoming a greater highway to the residents, owing to the fact continually shifting, and the bed becoming safer and more sludgy. Although the bridge may be opened for traffic, I am inclined to think it will be a month after the 1st of March before it is fully completed. Doubtless, as the folks up here have made a great cry about this much-wanted structure, the day of the official opening will be a "red-letter day" in the history of Wakatipu; and it is not improbable our worthy Mayor may take advantage of the occasion and proclaim a public holiday.

Without any feeling of selfishness on behalf of this district, I think it is high time Government did something in the matter of a bridge over the Shalover at Arthur's Point. The bridge that now spans the ugly chasm at that place is in a very frail condition; and as there is a considerable traffic over it, the "powers that be" should see to it in time, or some day it will come down by the run, and perhaps a fatal accident be the consequence. The Arthur's Point road is the outlet for our richest and most prosperous mining district, as well as for a large area of cultivated land; and it certainly has a claim to be properly attended to.

DUNEDIN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 3, 1870.

The Dunedin world is in a state of stagnation. Commercial failures and wet weather have conspired to cast a damper on the spirits of the inhabitants. Within the last ten days no less than three mercantile houses have gone to the wall; and long-heretofore and far-seeing men shake their heads and whisper of more trouble to come.

The great speculation of the day is flax. Every week sees some new dressing establishment started, and all the conveniently-situated flax land in the Province is being rapidly taken up. A new feature now arises in flax sales, a few years since the cry amongst sellers who were blessed (or pestered) with a superabundance of flax on their property, was, "Cut it down; why lumbereth it the ground?" But now a-days, when flax land is to be sold, the fact is mentioned as a special inducement to purchasers. The strongest point in favour of the ultimate success of this industry is that the market for it, both here and at home, has constantly been improving, and has never yet exhibited the slightest downward tendency. It is evident, from the extremely high price (£105 per ton) that some redressed flax recently realised at home, that there, at any rate, it is now being used in some more elaborate manufacture than rum-making. One would think that £10 a ton here for undressed flax, ought surely to leave some margin for profit, when it is remembered that the Maoris are able to prepare it by hand for the same price. A rather curious case was brought before the Court the other day. A flax-dressing establishment and a brewery are both working on the Water of Leith—the latter nearest the mouth of the stream. The brewer complained that the water was tainted and unfit for his purposes after the flax had been washed in it. The unfortunate phlegmatic tenant was in consequence fined, and I, I presume, will now have to seek other quarters. The verdict has caused considerable indignation amongst certain extreme teetotallers, who complain of the suppression of a useful manufacture and the encouragement given by the Court to a pernicious one.

The construction of the first railway in Otago, viz., that between Dunedin and Port Chalmers, is, I am informed, to be commenced in the course of a few weeks. Scarcely is believing. Had we credited former reports, we might have expected to have seen this railway fairly under weigh by this time. However, there is little doubt that before long operations will be commenced, as the agreement was formally signed last Friday, and £3000 deposit lodged with the Government at the same time by the contractor. There is great talk just now of the discovery of a valuable quartz-reef on the Murewhenua. Alluvial digging has been carried on in the neighbourhood for some time past, and I understand the district has been carefully prospected. However, the present reports are of a most glowing and hopeful nature.

The Danolin Theatre is now closed. The goods, chattels, belongings, and contents of the whole range of buildings, including the Provincial Hotel, have fallen under the merciless hammer of the auctioneer. Nevertheless, in a theatrical and musical sense, Danolin is not at present wanting in attractions. The Caraninis have again appeared on the scene to warble away our senses, and Thatcher is drawing crowded houses at the Masonic Hall. The would-be-beauties of the town are again smarting from the effects of his keen satire and cutting wit. None are safe from his darts; even the Superintendent himself comes in for a due share of his railway.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR REEFS.

An article has recently appeared in the Auckland Herald, and which is so appropriate to our own position that we make no apology for giving portions of it this prominence in our columns. The writer says:—"While some claims are plying dividends, and others are now working on a systematic plan which will in time produce valuable results, a number, exceeding to a very considerable extent both the two classes mentioned, are simply costing money, without the slightest reasonable ground for belief that any benefit will accrue from that expenditure to the persons on whom the cost falls. Anything like an accurate statement of the means fruitlessly spent on the Hamaki hills would cause no small amount of astonishment if put in figures." So is our case. It has been one rather of indiscriminate expenditure than judicious outlay. We have already pointed out the remedy—amalgamation; the formation of companies under the Mining Act. How true is the following:—"Shaft after shaft, tunnel after tunnel, have been sunk and driven, in what will yet be seen to be a frightfully reckless and wasteful manner, in defiance of all sound common sense and business-like views and principles." Prospecting in this district has been badly conducted, as a visit to our reefs will show. The question put below is, in another shape, being put here. "The great question, therefore, to be considered by shareholders in these claims and companies at the Thames is, are they willing to continue during the present year to pay their savings for the accomplishment of labour from which they will never derive any profit? Will they continue to impose a heavy tax upon themselves for the mere purpose of paying a certain amount of weekly wages to a number of workmen at the Thames? It is clear that this drain, which is thus self-imposed, cannot be looked upon as a profitable operation, and, in a great many instances, the remedy lies in the hands of shareholders themselves." So it does here, and the district will gain by it. We have already, in a former article, alluded to the several means by which machinery might be procured and our reefs developed; and until steps are taken to help ourselves, we cannot seek the aid of foreign capital. The Dunedin people have had enough of Skippers, unless we show them something better. That we can do if we please. The Herald advocates a very sensible plan of testing the real value of the reefs, and it is a piece of advice by which we might profit:—"Others think protection is the right course to adopt, and as this will at least prevent another edd for some time, it is eagerly acquiesced in by others. And so nothing effective is done on any of the claims. But throw the whole ground into one company; have one main drive, and one main shaft, and take advantage of the very lowest level, and of all the advantages which the combined property possesses, and after some expeditious judiciously applied, calls would cease, and regular dividends would be a matter of course. But cupidity and shortsightedness interfere here again. A single shareholder fancies his claim is worth half-a-dozen more scrip than one of the others, or from some other equally foolish consideration, objects to the amalgamation, which is the only chance of his property being of any value, in fact. And thus half-a-dozen claims, it may be, are compelled to continue in their wasteful expenditure of money without ever having any return for it, and with the scrip or shares quoted at a fraction of their nominal value, and even unsaleable at that."

The "death" of the *Tatara Chronicle*, after a brief existence of three weeks, and the establishment of a new evening paper in its place, is recorded by a West Coast contemporary. The demise was announced on a double-column sheet with the *Chronicle* heading. All the letters press on the first page is:—"Blessed are they who expect no thing, for they shall not be disappointed." The last page is blank. The fourth page, under the heading of "Deaths," has the following:—"On the evening of the 15th inst., after a short but brilliant career, the *Tatara Chronicle*, aged three weeks. Let it R. L. P. Hokitika papers please copy." All else is a brief announcement of the evening publication.

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GOOD STABLING. Three Loose Boxes, second to none.
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The only paddock accommodation in the district.
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How Things are in America.

BY DAVID MACRAE.

SAVING A SOLDIER'S LIFE.

It would be easy to write a whole book about Petersburg and its memories of the war, but as I mean to cut this series of sketches short in a week or two now—having trespassed too long already on the patience of the readers of the *Weekly Herald*, and feeling that it would be impossible to do justice to the South and West without continuing the series for many months—I shall content myself with one incident more from this quarter, narrated to me by Mr K—, the principal actor in the scene.

Mr K— himself had been opposed to the war. "I saw what Ireland had come to," he said to me, "and I knew it would be the same with the South." But he had gone with his people.

I was told at Petersburg that he had been the means of saving 47 lives during the war. He was described as a man of generous impulse, and always ready, even when impoverished by the war, to share what he had with those who were worse off than himself. On one occasion he had been seen taking off his shoes and coat in the street to give to a poor Confederate soldier, and going home himself in his shirt sleeves and stockings.

During one of the pleasant evenings at Petersburg, of which I cherish so many delightful recollections, one case, in which Mr K— had saved the life of a German soldier, was referred to, and we got Mr K— to detail the case.

Well (said he) on Sunday morning I was in my room preparing to go to church, when a knock came to the door, and I was told a man wanted to see me. I went out and asked him what he wanted.

He said, "There is a German prisoner going to be shot on Tuesday morning, and he wants you to come and pray with him."

I put my German bible in my pocket, and went. When I found myself alone with the prisoner, I said, in German, "What is your name?"

"Henry B—."

"What brought you to this plight?"

"I was charged with deserting."

"And were you not guilty?"

"No, sir."

On questioning him further, I found that he had been caught trying to leave Petersburg, just after a very severe order had been issued in reference to desertion, which, from his ignorance of English, he had been unable to read. Further, he assured me earnestly and solemnly that he never meant to desert; that he only wanted to run the blockade—that is, to escape through the lines—and go to Charleston to get his clothes, of which he was sorely in need, and to recover 1000dols. that were due to him there, and which the woman of the house where he boarded had in charge for him. When tried by court-martial, it was declared that he had deserted from Charleston; but he assured me that it was not true—that he had served his time and got an honourable discharge.

I asked who had defended him at the court-martial.

"No one."

"And what decision was come to?"

"I was condemned, sir: I am to be shot on Tuesday morning."

I prayed with the man; and when I had questioned him again, I said, "If all you have told me is true, you will not be shot if I can help it."

"It is true, Mr K—," he said earnestly; "true as I hope to see God."

I went away determined, if possible, to save this poor fellow's life.

I went to a man who hired out buggies, and said—"I am going to Richmond. You must give me one of your buggies on credit."

"What are you going to Richmond for?"

"I am going there to try and save a man's life."

"Then," said he, "you shall not pay a cent."

When I got to Richmond I found Jefferson Davis coming from church. I laid the case before him, and said, "I have pledged your word, and the honour of the Confederate Government, that if that man's statements are found true you will reprieve him. Now, sir, I want you to postpone this man's execution for a week, till I go to Charleston, and find out the truth or falsity of his story."

Mr Davis granted this at once.

Back I came to Petersburg, and was off next morning to Charleston, where I arrived the day after. I procured a permit to go to Fort Sumter, got the password,

and hired two boatmen to take me down. I was so excited that I forgot the password, and when the sentinel cried "Halt!" I could only cry out "don't fire—for God's sake, don't fire! I got the password, but I have forgotten it."

I could not recall it, and had to tell the boatmen to take me back, when it suddenly came to my memory, and I landed under the fort. Colonel Calhoun received me kindly—he was afterwards shot by Colonel Rhett in a duel; I told him my story, and said, "The man was charged in the indictment with having deserted from here before."

The Colonel said, "That is a mistake. The man served his time, and was honourably discharged." My heart leapt up at that.

I was satisfied now of the man's innocence. I got back to Charleston, and went next about the 1000dols. I wouldn't (said Mr K—, getting more excited in his narrative)—I wouldn't have given three skips of a flea for all the dollars in God's creation, but a man's life depended upon it. I found the woman. The money was all right. The man had told the truth.

Now for Richmond again. The time was flying past, and there was not a moment to lose. I ran away to the station, and was nearly there when I remembered I had not paid my bill. I ran back, and on returning found the train was off. No other train till next morning; there was nothing for it but to remain. Next morning I was off.

When we got to Florence the cars ran off the track. That detained us twelve hours, and the man's life trembling in the balance.

It was Monday afternoon before I got back to Petersburg, and the man was to be shot on Tuesday morning. I had tasted no food for three days, and was so dirty and haggard that nobody knew me.

I ran over the Pocahontas Bridge to the depot.

The man at the gate demanded my pass. There was no travelling to or from Richmond in those days without a Provost Marshall's pass.

I said "I have no pass."

"Then you can't come in here."

"Then," said I, "a man's life will be lost."

"Eh! what's your name?"

"K—."

"K—" exclaimed the man, staring at me. "Bless me, what have you been doing with yourself? You look crazy."

I told him in a few words; he let me pass, and I got into the cars just as they were starting. I reached Richmond on Monday night at seven o'clock. When I got to President Davis's house I was like to faint.

"Is Mr Davis in?"

"No."

"Well, I must see him. A man's life is at stake. I will wait inside till he comes."

I went in and fell asleep on the sofa.

About ten o'clock I heard steps. I jumped up. "Is that Mr Davis?"

"Yes."

"Tell him Mr K—, the person that was here last week getting a reprieve for a condemned man, wants to see him."

Mr Davis received me at once.

"Well," he said, "what did you find at Charleston?"

"It is all true what the man said." I mentioned what Colonel Calhoun had told me, and also about the 1000 dollars.

"Well," said Mr Davis, "go to General Randolph's headquarters, and lay these facts before General Lee. I spoke to him about the case. If he consents the man shall be pardoned."

It was 11 o'clock when I found General Lee. Lee received me kindly, and listened to my story, but shook his head.

"I would be glad if I could do it," he said, "but the safety of the country demands that desertion be put a stop to."

I pled with him, but he seemed to have made up his mind.

"I have made this a matter of prayer," he said. "I have laid this case before God; and, while I cannot say God has answered me, I feel that my conscience is clear."

I thought of the man's life hanging on this interview, and pleaded with the General for nearly an hour, but in vain.

"The country," he said, "demands that an example be made of men who desert their colours, no matter on what grounds, and we must begin somewhere."

"Begin then," I said, "with one of our own people—not with a poor foreigner, who does not know the language, and could not read the orders you issued on the subject."

General Lee thought earnestly for a moment, and then said: "Mr K—, you deserve this man's life given to you if it could be done. But desertion is imperilling our cause. We could have gained that battle of Antietam but for desertion. There were 13,000 deserters that day, and 13,000 men would have turned the scale. This man's life cannot be taken into account when the salvation of the country is at stake."

That crushed me. I felt that I could plead no more.

"General," I said, "I asked God's blessing on that man, and I should like before I leave, to ask it on you."

He bowed his head—I put my hands on it, and asked God's blessing on him, and on the cause he was so nobly defending. I could scarcely speak. My voice was choked, and the tears were blinding my eyes.

Then I left him. I went to the hotel—filled with sadness more than I can describe. I washed myself, tried to eat a little, and went to bed, but could not sleep. I thought of that man who was to be shot in a few hours. I could not rest. I was up at the President's house again about five in the morning. The man was to be shot at Drewry's Bluff at eight. The servant refused to awaken the President. I paced about awhile, and then went up to an officer, who turned out to be a German. I said—"The servant won't waken the President. Go you and do it, for God's sake. If you don't your countryman will be shot."

"I dare not do it," says the man.

"Then I will go myself."

"I cannot allow you, sir," said the man.

"It is contrary to orders."

I pled and wept, and at last he went.

The answer from Mr Davis was to send me up to his room. I found him in bed. He shook hands with me, and asked me if anything had occurred.

I said—"I saw General Lee, and pled with him for more than an hour for that man's life, but in vain."

"Strange," said Mr Davis. "General Lee was here about two in the morning, and said you had shaken his decision by what you had said about the man being a foreigner and not able to read, and that we had better spare him."

Oh, the joy of that moment! I could only say "Thank God, Mr Davis, thank God!"

But think of General Lee going at two in the morning to see the President about that man!

I asked the President if the pardon had been sent. He said no, but it would be sent by special courier in good time. I asked if he would write me a reprieve now, till the regular order was drawn up. He consented cheerfully, and pointed to a hand-desk on the side-table, which I brought him, and he wrote the reprieve in bed.

I can't tell you how I felt when I went out with the reprieve in my hand. The man's life was saved. When the courier rode down with the reprieve to Drewry's Bluff the man's grave had been already dug! But it wasn't needed, thank God, and the man is alive yet, and has written me since, and is never going to forget who saved his life.

I returned to Petersburg, my heart filled with gratitude towards God. The Colonel of the regiment to which the man belonged met me in the cars. "Joe," I called him. He was one of my old scholars. He pretended to be very angry. "Here," he said, "we have come over to see that man shot. Pretty thing, you coming and getting him off." But I could have stood a good deal of bantering that morning! I entered Petersburg that day like a hero.

Such was Mr K—'s story. I have given it not only on account of its own interest, but as throwing a side light upon the character of men who, owing to the nature and issue of the war, are apt to be misrepresented and misunderstood.

A colliery explosion has taken place at Swansea, resulting in the loss of six lives.

The return match between the London and Newcastle crews, for the championship and £400, resulted in the Tyne being again victorious.

Holliday's Pills Decidedly the best Remedy for the Cure of every Internal Complaint incidental to the Human Frame.—The many virtues this wonderful medicine possesses have rendered them invaluable to persons with debilitated constitutions, while to those suffering from derangements of the stomach and bowels, or with disorders of the liver and kidneys, they are equally serviceable, and from their gentle yet positive effect they can be used with the utmost safety by all. Thousands of persons have testified that by these Pills alone, they have been restored to sound and robust health, after every known remedy had failed to afford them the slightest relief.

The Provinces.

A handsome Jewish synagogue has just been completed at Wellington, at a cost of about £1200. It is situated on the Terrace.

The financial prospects of Wellington are described as growing daily worse and worse and more hopeless.

A man named Fitzpatrick was lately run over by a cab in Queen-street, Auckland; and received such injuries that he died in half-an-hour afterwards. Another man was also run over by the same cab and badly hurt. The jury at the inquest returned a verdict of accidental death. The cabman was afterwards fined £10 for furious driving on the occasion.

It is proposed to place a stained glass window in the church at Timaru in memory of the late Mr Balfour, C.E. To enable all classes to join in this appropriate expression of esteem for a valuable public servant, subscriptions are limited to 10s 6d. All persons desirous of contributing can pay their donations into the Bank of New Zealand, to the Balfour Memorial Fund. All the seaport towns in the Colony have been invited to assist.—*Oamaru Times*.

A *rara avis* was seen a few days ago on the north road about a mile out of Oamaru, in the shape of a pure white lark. It is well known that albinos are of occasional occurrence amongst most species of animals, more particularly among birds: white sparrows, white crows, and even, to use a contradictory phrase, white blackbirds find a place in most English museums; but this is the first instance that has come under our notice of a similar freak of nature in New Zealand.—*Ibid*.

The *Wellington Independent* learns on reliable authority that all opposition to the surveys at the Manawatu has been withdrawn by the natives themselves, and that the trigonometrical survey of the block will be at once resumed. It is stated also, on the authority of a native letter, that this course is adopted by the advice of the King, and that all future causes of complaint are to be referred to the courts of law, and their decision accepted.

The *Southern Cross* has been informed that an immense tract of flax country, extending all the way from Raglan to Port Waikato, a distance of about 30 miles, and having a breadth of three or four miles, has been leased by a gentleman named Young, who, it is said, intends to have it surveyed and cut up into portions to suit persons desirous of entering into the flax-preparing business. This will supply a want very much felt at the present time, for there has lately been considerable difficulty in obtaining flax land in convenient places, and at a reasonable figure.

A serious accident (says the *Oamaru Times* of the 28th ult.) happened yesterday to a man named Morgan, who is in the employ of Mr James White. He was engaged in assisting at a reaping machine, when by some means or other he fell in front of the knife. The horses were stopped immediately, but it was found that one of Morgan's legs had been seriously injured, the tendons being severed, and the knife penetrating to the bone. The sufferer is under the care of Dr Ebbs.

A very distressing accident, says an Auckland contemporary, occurred the other day to a young lady, Miss Mary Coultas, the only daughter of Mr John Coultas, proprietor of the Whangamarino Flax Mills, Waikato. It appears that on the evening of Friday, the 14th January, Mr Coultas started from home about half-past eleven to proceed to Auckland, and as it was a beautiful moonlight night, his daughter accompanied him for some distance on the road, and after leaving him proceeded, accompanied by a younger brother, to a creek in order to indulge in a bath before retiring to bed. It is supposed that she must have been suddenly seized with cramp while bathing, for almost as soon as she entered the water, she disappeared from her brother's sight. Although a very diligent search has been prosecuted, the body has not been found, and it is premised that it must have been carried by the stream into the Waikato River.

One of the divers engaged in getting wool out of the ship *Lightning* has been enjoying a submarine "forty winks." The day before yesterday, the men engaged in the above-named operation thinking their mate was rather longer than usual in sending anything to the surface, made the given signals in such cases without getting any reply, and having exhausted all means of communication from above, began to feel somewhat seriously alarmed lest some serious accident had occurred to the man below. They accordingly equipped another diver, whom they sent down to see what was the matter. Judge the surprise of the last named individual when he found his mate fast asleep, dreaming the happy hours away as comfortably as if he had been lying on a bed of down. The story of the men who played cards in the diving-bell at Westminister Bridge, or Shakespeare's ship boy whose eyes were sealed upon the high and giddy mast, are very ordinary tales compared to this. The man was quite sober at the time. It is necessary to state this, as some persons have circulated a report that he was half-asleep over.—*Canterbury Press*.

Australian News.

A brutal assault, resulting in the loss of one life, took place at Mr Kay's farm, Tullaroek, recently. Six Chinese reapers were attacked by a number of Europeans, armed with staves, and cruelly beaten. Three men are in custody.

The *Tallot* paper speaks of the occurrence of very high winds during Christmas week, and also says that snow and hail storms had occurred. The snow-flakes were very large, and reminded spectators of Christmas in England.

In its summary for England, the *Brisbane Courier* gives the following sketch of the progress and position of Queensland:—"In 1860 we had 28,000 inhabitants, now we have 110,000; in 1860 there were 41 schools, attended by less than 2000 children, now we have nearly 200, with about 13,000 pupils. There are now nearly 2,000,000 of acres leased; more than 13,000 planted with cotton, and more than 5000 under sugar. Sheep have increased, between the two periods, from 3,000,000 to 9,000,000, and horned cattle from less than half-a-million to more than a million. In mineral productions, the increase has been marvellous, indeed, it would be difficult to arrive at a correct estimate of the amount of gold, copper, coal, &c., brought to the surface. From the far off Clonburry in the north-west, to the southern boundary of the colony, discovery has followed quickly upon discovery, and copper, silver, and gold will yet be found in Queensland in such abundance as to afford wealth to many and employment to thousands. We have more than 200 miles of railway constructed and in use; we have about 2000 miles of telegraphic communication; our imports have risen from three-quarters of a million to two millions, and our exports from half-a-million to two millions and a quarter. Our revenue has increased to £750,000 from £178,000 in 1860; and our expenditure has swollen in about the same ratio."

By way of Rockhampton we have some news from the far north of Australia. The correspondent of the *Bulletin*, writing from the Gilbert, says:—"The latest news from the Norman is to the effect that the population of the place has dwindled down to about 25 persons, one half of whom are women, and that the aspect of the place is miserable in the extreme. Burketown is stated to present an appearance of desertion in even a greater degree; and the ten families forming the population of Carnarvon, Swear's Island, are reported to be in that happy state, known as 'living upon one another.' There are about 30 diggers at the Cloncurry, a few of whom are doing pretty well, according to a letter just received here, and the remainder making tucker. Of course the extension of the telegraph to Burke, and the opening-up of the great Australian copper-mine, will produce a happy change in the state of the country bordering on the Gulf; but, in the meantime, it would appear the inhabitants of that section are fully realising the axiom that 'while the grass is growing, the horse is starving.'"

The annexation of the Fiji Islands to Australia is urged by the *Melbourne Age*. Independent of their beauty and fertility, their increasing importance, and the advantages they offer to settlers, their acquisition is insisted on as a sort of necessity to prevent their occupation by a foreign power. The petition to the American Government to assume the protectorate of the group dwelt principally on the advantages of the Fiji as a naval station, and those advantages the Americans are not slow to perceive. The *Age* considers that, beside the danger which might accrue from the presence of a foreign naval power in such close proximity, the islands should properly belong to Australia, and their passing into other hands would be a misfortune, the inhabitants too, it is asserted, preferring Australian to American rule.

Charles D'Alouste, a French teacher, has been fully acquitted on a charge of criminal assault. The prosecutor's story is entirely disbelieved.

The following members of the new Victorian ministry have been sworn in:—Mr Aspinall, Solicitor-General; Mr McLennan, Public Works; and Mr Graham Berry, Treasurer. The election writs have issued. An Opposition is rumoured, but the names of its members have not been published.

A sale of Australian diamonds took place on the 6th ult. at the Shipping Exchange, Melbourne. There was a good attendance, and some of the stones (of which there were 81 offered) realised very satisfactory prices, the sums received ranging from £2 2s. to £10 10s. per stone. This is the first sale of the kind that has taken place in Melbourne; but as the supply of gems is fair to be pretty constant, it is probable that the sales will now be periodical. The Australian Diamond Company are forwarding 197 diamonds, weighing 51½ carats, to their agent in England, by this mail steamer. This parcel makes a total of 583 despatched from Melbourne since the opening of the mine. A telegram was received on the 7th ult. from the manager at Mudgee, stating the result of a week's work as 61 diamonds, and 12ozs 13dwts 15grs of gold.—*Melbourne paper*.

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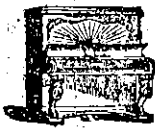
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